

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: Jamison Powder Mill House Inventory Number: BA-2243
6901 Liberty Road (now called 3320 St.
Address: Lukes Lane) City: Baltimore, MD Zip Code: 21207

County: Baltimore USGS Topographic Map: Baltimore West

Owner: St. Lukes LLC

Tax Parcel Number: 34 Tax Map Number: 88 Tax Account ID Number: 0206570040

Project: MD 26 at St. Luke's Lane Agency: FHWA/SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility **not** recommended ☒

Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ no ☐ yes Name of district: _____

Is district listed? ☐ no ☐ yes Determined eligible? ☐ no ☐ yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Jamison Powder Mill House, constructed circa 1830, is the last remaining building of the Joseph Jamison (or Baltimore Gunpowder) Powder Mill. According to the 1850 J. C. Sidney Map of Baltimore, the complex had seven buildings on the north side of Liberty Road on the east and west banks of Gwynns Falls. The powder mill house was in all probability the mill superintendent's house, since it stands on the south side of Liberty, near the site of the Ridgely House. The dwelling is a 2-1/2 story side gable, 3-bay building with a side gable slate roof. It is a frame building on a stone foundation with three interior chimneys. The present exterior cladding is a variety of shingles – fishscale, coursed and staggered (these would be a late nineteenth century addition), while the ground story is of irregularly coursed stone. The windows are 6 over 6, double hung sashes. There are two additions, one integral with the original dwelling – a rear two-story ell, while a shed roof porch on the southeast corner of the house has been expanded and enclosed. The front has a full width shed roof porch that has been enclosed.

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder, Architectural Historian,
SHA

Date Prepared: 11/02/01

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Comments: _____	
<u>Andrew Lewis</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>01/03/02</u> Date
<u>P. K. Kuntz</u> Reviewer, NR program	<u>1/7/02</u> Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

The Jamison Gunpowder Mill was chartered in 1820, and by 1824 was in active production. It was one of three mills on the west side of Baltimore County. Jamison remained in charge until his son-in-law, James Ridgely took over. The mill was in production through the Civil War, but the site does not appear on the 1877 Hopkins Atlas for Baltimore County. Instead, the property is designated as the Dr. Patterson Farm. By the mid-twentieth century, the entire area had been converted to suburban single family dwellings and the farm and mill site were demolished.

The Jamison Powder Mill House is the surviving element of the former powder mill site. The building has been converted to commercial purposes and is now used as a dentist's office. Although it retains many nineteenth century elements, the house has been altered, and no longer retains integrity. Based on that assessment, SHA has determined that it is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C (architecture). Furthermore, it does not retain sufficient association with the former powder mill to meet the requirements of National Register Criterion A (events, history of powder mills) and thus is also not eligible under this Criterion.

Bibliography

Frank, Beryl, "History Hunting, Stone House Still Stands from 1830's," *The Star*, Baltimore, MD: April 21, 1977 [n.p.]

McGrain, John W., *From Pig Iron to Cotton Duck, A History of Manufacturing Villages in Baltimore County*, Vol. I, Baltimore, MD: Baltimore County Public Library, 1985.

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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: 3320 St. Lukes Lane, Woodmore Survey Number: BA -2243
Project: SALT Rehabilitation/ Dentist Office/ Residence Agency: Baltimore Co.
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date
Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended X
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

This late 19th-early 20th century, two-storey, three-bay, frame and stone residence has undergone extensive alteration including the enclosure of the front porch and additions to the side and rear facades. According to our records and the project information provided by CAA and Baltimore County, this building is not part of a concentration of historic properties that would be considered eligible for the Maryland Register as a historic district. This house also does not meet the criteria for individual listing in the Maryland Register.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Edwin Hunley/ CAA

Jo Ellen Greese
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

3/13/92
Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable

R. D. McLean
Reviewer, NR program

4-2-92
Date

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Survey No. BA-2243

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

☐ Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
☐ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
☒ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
☐ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

☐ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
☐ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
☐ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
☐ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
☐ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
☐ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
☐ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
☐ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
☐ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
☐ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
☒ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
☐ Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
☐ Unknown Period (☐ prehistoric ☐ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

☐ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): House

Known Design Source: None

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(PAVED 60' ASP.)
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PROPERTY (C)
(PAVED 60' AS)
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ST. LUKES L.A.
(30' ASP. PAVING)

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A hand-drawn sketch map of a street intersection. The map shows a vertical street on the left and a horizontal street at the bottom. A diagonal street crosses the vertical street from the top right. Handwritten labels include 'WOOD MARKET' at the top left, '25.5' and '29.5' along the vertical street, '15.5' and '17.5' along the diagonal street, '25.5' and '29.5' along the horizontal street, and '15.5' and '17.5' along the diagonal street. Other labels include 'HOT CELLAR' and 'HOT' near the top right, 'STONE' near the center, and 'PARK' near the bottom right. A small square is marked with a '1' at the top left, and a small circle is marked with a '1' near the top center.

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SUBJECT PROPERTY IS SHOWN IN ZONE C
ON THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM
FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP OF BALTIMORE
COUNTY, MARYLAND, PANEL # 880
COMMUNITY PANEL # 2400D-0380B
EFFECTIVE DATE: MARCH 2, 1981

THIS SURVEY IS FOR TITLE PURPOSES ONLY. IT IS NOT INTENDED FOR USE
IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROPERTY LINES.
THE PROPERTY SHOWN HEREON IS SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS,
RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND/OR COVENANTS OF RECORD.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE POSITION OF ALL THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS SHOWN ON THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY HAS BEEN CAREFULLY ESTABLISHED BY FIELD SURVEY AND ARE LOCATED AS SHOWN.

PROPERTY LINE SURVEYOR
WILLIAM T. MATTHEWS, L.C. N° 134



HOUSE LOCATION PLAT FOR
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DEED REF 1781/152

ELECTION DISTRICT

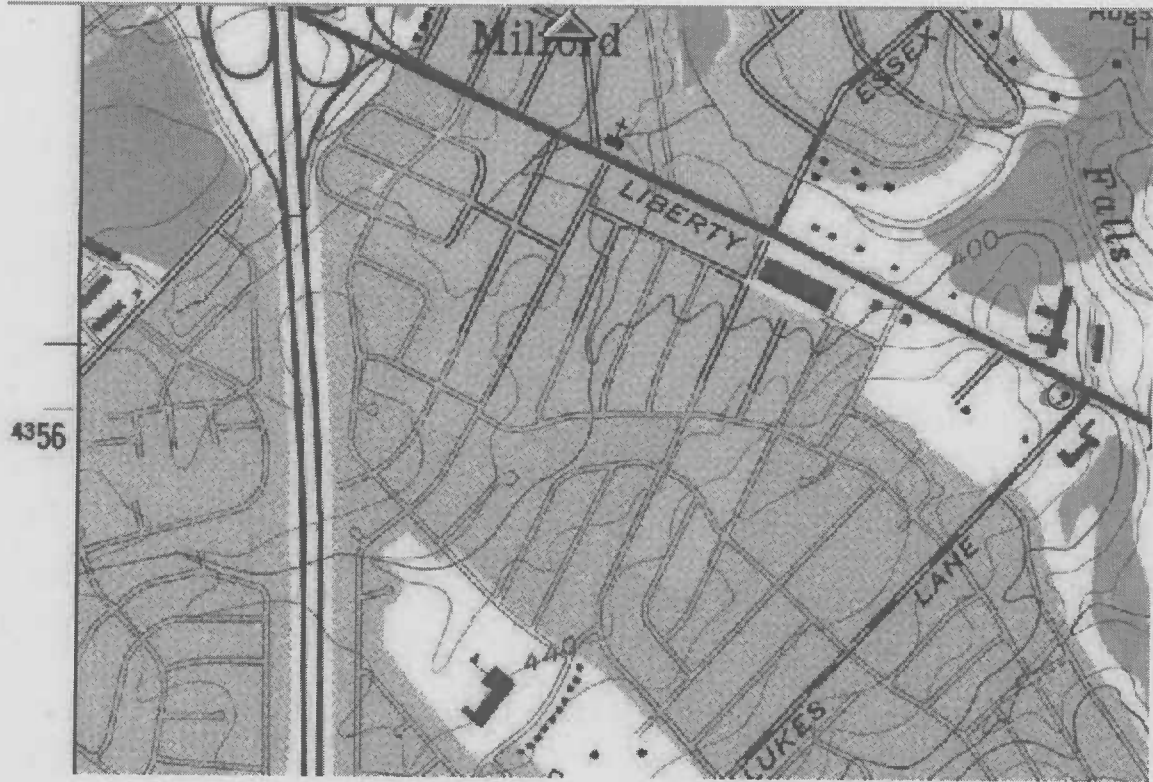
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SCALE : 1/4" = 40'
DATE : 7-11-88

THE SUGARMAN ORGANIZATION
120 JUDGES LANE, TOWSON, MD.

BA- 2243

3320 Saint Lukes Lane, Woodmore
Baltimore West Quad
Baltimore County



Map 88 Parcel 34



THE STAR ☆ APRIL 21, 1977

History Hunting

BA 2243. JAMISON POWDER MILL
HOUSE. (Dist. 2 - Baltimore
County.)

Stone house still stands from 1830's

by Beryl Frank

The 1877 atlas of Baltimore County as well as an 1850 map, list property on Liberty Road as belonging to James Lot Ridgely.

The Liberty Road property was probably Mr. Ridgely's

country estate, used primarily in summer months, as he had a city home on Lanvale Street in town.

Noted in Baltimore circles for his work with the Odd Fellows,

Mr. Ridgely was born in 1807 and died in 1881. His first wife was Jane Jamison, daughter of Colonel Joseph Jamison; his second, perhaps Jane's sister, was Catherine Jamison.



This stone house has undergone changes since its early 1800's infancy, when it probably housed a tenant farmer's family.

(Photo by Tim Clary)

According to the 1850 map, a gunpowder mill stood on the north side of Liberty Road. The Baltimore Gunpowder Company was incorporated in 1824 by Joseph Jamison. It can be assumed that James Ridgely took over and ran the powder mills for his father-in-law. (This mill exploded on May 8, 1848, killing a German workman.)

The large house where Mr. Ridgely spent his summers has long since been torn down to make way for modern apartment dwellings. But there is still one building on the Liberty Road which once was Ridgely property.

The stone house standing today has gone through many changes since it was first built. Some say the stone structure goes back to the 1830's.

While the actual date of building is unknown, there is much we can tell from what remains.

The original house was a small structure, probably well suited to the needs of a tenant farmer on the Ridgely place. The windows are recessed in walls which measure 20 inches deep.

There were three rooms on the first floor of the little house. The fireplace at the far end of the L-shaped building probably offered only heat available. However, the thickness of the stone walls gave insulation against cold Baltimore winters and hot summers.

Today, the first floor ceilings stand about nine feet high. If this home was originally a one-story house, the present ceilings must have been elevated when the second floor was added.

In the 20th century, Mr. Walter H. Cook purchased this house. He must have loved it dearly because it is thanks to him that the present restoration was done.

French doors in the living and dining rooms were undoubtedly added in this century as they are not in keeping with the simple style of the original house.

The present floors are random flooring, and dowels rather than nails were used. It would take an expert to tell whether these are indeed original to the

dwelling or whether they were added by Mr. Cook.

The basement is smaller than the house itself and accessible only through an outside trap door. The walls here are 40 inches of solid stone, a most suitable place to use as a root cellar for storage of winter vegetables.

It is said that at one time an underground stream ran through the basement. With the addition of modern heating equipment, it is hard to tell just where the stream might have run.

The present structure which may have been used by a tenant farmer in Mr. Ridgely's day is still shaded by tall trees. A pair of white oaks in front of the house is over 200 years old. Tulip trees have stood on the property for generations too.

There are many unsolved questions about this house. Was it built before 1830? Did slaves ever live in it? How many children were raised there, in the days when Liberty Road was really country?

The house itself cannot talk, and time has obscured some of the answers. But the house is still there on Liberty Road, sheltered by tall trees—a part of yesterday's history which has lived on into today.

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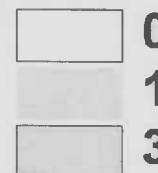


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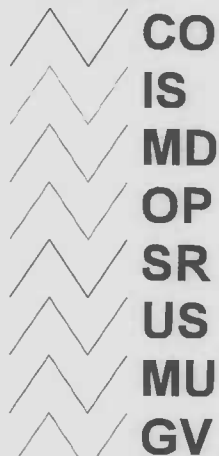
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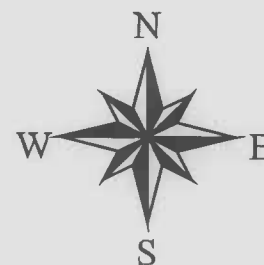
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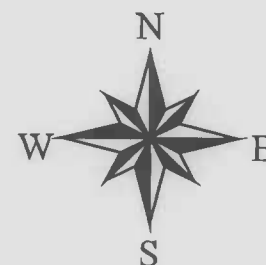
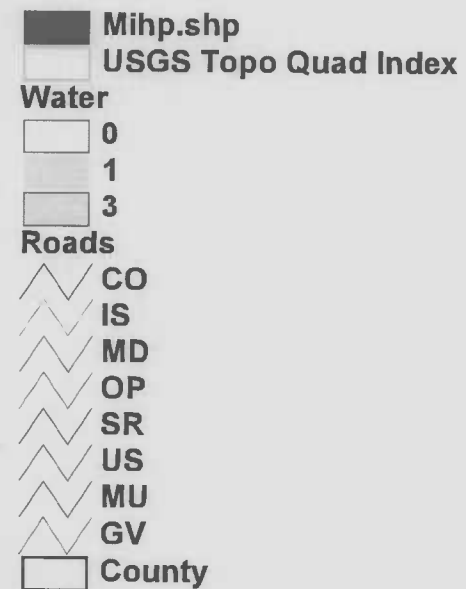
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JAMIESON POWDER MILL HOUSE

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BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE CO., MD.

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LOOKING SOUTH AT FRONT FACADE
OF JAMIESON HOUSE



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Jameson Powder Mill House

3314 ~~St~~ Lukes Lane

Baltimore, MD

Baltimore County

Anne Powder

June 2001

MD SHA

Side elevation looking west
at Jameson House.